GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1484
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REMOVAL OF KEER AND MEENA TRIBES FORM ST LIST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Union Government to delete the Keer and Meena tribes from the ST List;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of MP had represented its views on the issue;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government review the decision in order to allow the continuance of these tribes in the ST List?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (e)The Government of Madhya Pradesh, the registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes had recommended exclusion of Keer and Mina communities from the list of Scheduled Tribes of Madhya Pradesh. Accordingly these communities have been omitted from the list of Scheduled Tribes of Madhya Pradesh vide the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002 with effect from 08.01.2003. The Government of Madhya Pradesh vide its letter dated 25.01.2003 has requested not to exclude these communities from the list of Scheduled Tribes of that State. Their reinclusion depends on the nature of recommendation of the State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.